

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Attorney Docket No. SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[3])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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McSwiggen *et al.*

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Serial No.: 10/720,448

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Examiner:

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Title RNA Interference Mediated
Inhibition of Gene Expression
Using Chemically Modified
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid
(siNA)

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Confirmation No.: 4875

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now submit the following preliminary amendment for consideration and entry into the above-captioned application. No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-4615.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Attachments include replacement Figures 18, 19 & 50, replacement Table I.